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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: VISAS FOR
NON-TRAVELING PRESS

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1. NIGERIAN VISA OFFICER HAS DECLINED ISSUE VISAS TO SEVERAL
CORRESPONDENTS OF US MEDIA, EVEN THOUGH THESE PEOPLE ARE
APPARENTLY ON LIST APPROVED BY MEA.

2. DCM HAS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH DEPTY NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER,
WHO SAYS HE WILL LOOK INTO IT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28. WE ARE NOW IN
FOUR DAY EASTER WEEKEND HOLIDAY, AND DEPUTY HICOM SAYS THERE
IS NO WAY HE CAN BRING IN VISA OFFICER OR GET TO FILES HIMSELF
BEFORE TUESDAY.

3. DURING CONVERSATION DEPUTY HICOM GAVE IMPRESSION THAT "AUTHOR-
IZATION" FROM MEA WAS NOT A DIRECTIVE TO ISSUE AND THAT VISA OFFICER
STILL HAD TO MAKE FINAL JUDGMENT ON ISSUANCE. HE CITED ONE ISSUANCE
TO JIM PRINGLE OF NEWSWEEK, WHICH, ALTHOUGH AUTHORIZED BY MEA, GOT
VISA OFFICER INTO HOT WATER WHEN PRINGLE WROTE STORIES MEA FOUND
OBJECTIONABLE.

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4. WE WILL FOLLOW THIS UP ON TUESDAY, BUT WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT
ALL OF THOSE ON LIST WILL GET VISAS.

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